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**Sent via email: EDWARD@HASBROUCK.ORG**

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**Re: 2016-HQFO-00209**

**Re: Seventh Interim Release for DHS FOIA Request No. 2016-HQFO-00209**

Dear Mr. Hasbrouck,

This is our sixth interim response to your amended Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) to the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), dated and received by this office on January 21, 2016. On August 5, 2016, we notified you that a search for records in the Office of the Chief Information Officer (CIO) for emails sent to and from the email account associated for the Real ID program, which is [OSIIS@hq.dhs.gov](mailto:OSIIS@hq.dhs.gov), would be conducted to further process your request.

For this production, DHS reviewed 593 pages. After review, DHS has determined that 23 pages are releasable in their entirety and 570 pages are partially releasable pursuant to Title 5 U.S.C. § 552 (b)(6) and (b)(7)(C), FOIA Exemptions 6 and 7C.

Enclosed are 593 pages with certain information withheld as described below:

**FOIA Exemption 6** exempts from disclosure personnel or medical files and similar files the release of which would cause a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy. This requires a balancing of the public's right to disclosure against the individual's right to privacy. The privacy interests of the individuals in the records you have requested outweigh any minimal public interest in disclosure of the information. Any private interest you may have in that information does not factor into the aforementioned balancing test.

**Exemption 7(C)** protects records or information compiled for law enforcement purposes that could reasonably be expected to constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy. This exemption takes particular note of the strong interests of individuals, whether they are suspects, witnesses, or investigators, in not being unwarrantably associated with alleged criminal activity. That interest extends to persons who are not only the subjects of the investigation, but those who may have their privacy invaded by having their identities and information about them revealed in connection with an investigation. Based upon the traditional recognition of strong privacy interest in law enforcement records, categorical withholding of information that identifies third

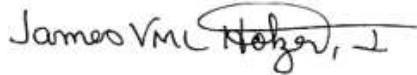
parties in law enforcement records is ordinarily appropriate. As such, I have determined that the privacy interest in the identities of individuals in the records you have requested clearly outweigh any minimal public interest in disclosure of the information. Please note that any private interest you may have in that information does not factor into this determination.

You have a right to appeal the above withholding determination. Should you wish to do so, you must send your appeal and a copy of this letter, within 90 days of the date of this letter, to: Privacy Office, Attn: FOIA Appeals, U.S. Department of Homeland Security, 2707 Martin Luther King Jr. Avenue, SE, Mail Stop 0655, Washington, D.C. 20528-0655, following the procedures outlined in the DHS regulations at 6 C.F.R. § 5.9. Your envelope and letter should be marked "FOIA Appeal." Copies of the FOIA and DHS regulations are available at [www.dhs.gov/foia](http://www.dhs.gov/foia).

You may contact the DHS FOIA Public Liaison at 202-343-1743 for any further assistance and to discuss any aspect of your request. You may also contact OGIS at the National Archives and Records Administration to inquire about the FOIA mediation services they offer. The contact information for OGIS is as follows: Office of Government Information Services, National Archives and Records Administration, 8601 Adelphi Road-OGIS, College Park, Maryland 20740-6001, e-mail at [ogis@nara.gov](mailto:ogis@nara.gov); telephone at 202-741-5770; toll free at 1-877-684-6448; or facsimile at 202-741-5769.

If you need to contact our office again about this matter, please refer to 2016-HQFO-00209. This office can be reached at [FOIA@HQ.DHS.GOV](mailto:FOIA@HQ.DHS.GOV) or call 202-343-1743 or toll free 1-866-431-0486.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "James V. McHolzer, Jr." with a stylized flourish at the end.

James Holzer  
Deputy Chief FOIA Officer

Enclosure(s): Responsive records, 593 pages